

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment, supplemental to the Amendment filed on April 26, 2005, is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, and is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 20, 21 and 26-31 are now all the claims pending in the present application.

Claims 20 and 21 have been allowed. Newly added claims 26-31 correspond to former claims 6, 15, 16, and 22-24, respectively, but rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner indicated that claims 6, 15, 16 and 22-24 would be allowed if the base claims were rewritten in independent form, claims 26-31 should be allowed. Consequently, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

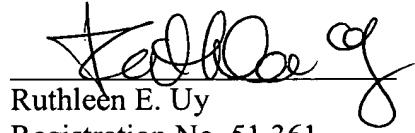
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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